

Amendment and Response

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IN THE CLAIMS

Please add claim 26.

Please amend claims 6, 18, and 19 as follows:

1.(Previously Presented) A golf swing aid for guiding a user through a golf swing when the user addresses a golf ball positioned at a center of the aid such that in relation to a stance of the user upon addressing the golf ball, the aid defines a forward extension and a rearward extension relative to the center, the golf swing aid comprising:

an arm path member having a substantially linear, elongate shape and having a leading end, a central portion, and a trailing end; and

a body path member having a generally arcuate shape with a leading end, a central portion and a trailing end, with the central portion being integrally connected together with the central portion of the arm path member as a monolithic unit;

wherein an outer edge of the arm path member defines a straight edge forward and rearward of the center and an outer edge of the body path member defines a curved edge.

2.(Original) The golf swing aid of claim 1, wherein the arm path member includes a directional arrow disposed at each of the leading and trailing ends of the arm path member, with the directional arrows pointing in opposite directions relative to one another.

3.(Cancelled)

4.(Cancelled)

5.(Cancelled)

6.(Currently Amended) The golf swing aid of claim 1, and further comprising:

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a generally arcuate-shaped down swing club path guide arranged between the arm path member and the body path member, wherein the down swing club path guide defines a radius of curvature greater than that of the body path member.

7.(Original) The golf swing aid of claim 1, wherein a junction of the central portions of the arm path member and the body path member defines an elongate hole for receiving a golf tee.

8.(Original) The golf swing aid of claim 1, wherein the central portion of the arm path member further includes a target line indicia disposed adjacent the leading end and a back swing indicia disposed adjacent the trailing end.

9.(Previously Presented) The golf swing aid of claim 8, wherein the back swing indicia includes a generally straight solid line.

10.(Original) The golf swing aid of claim 8, wherein the target line indicia includes a generally straight solid line.

11.(Original) The golf swing aid of claim 1, wherein the body path member includes a back swing portion and a follow through portion, with the back swing portion and the follow through portion each have a generally arcuate shape generally matching the curvature of the body path member.

12.(Original) The golf swing aid of claim 11, wherein both the back swing portion and the follow through portion include an indicia formed thereon and having a shape generally matching the curvature of the respective follow through portion and back swing portion.

13.(Original) The golf swing aid of claim 1, wherein the body path member is configured to visually indicate an incorrect swing path.

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14.(Original) The golf swing aid of claim 1, and further comprising:

a first anchoring hole adjacent the leading end of the arm path member;
a second anchoring hole adjacent the trailing end of the arm path member; and
an elongate golf tee hole centrally located at a junction between the arm path member and
the body path member.

15.(Original) The golf swing aid of claim 1, wherein an inner edge of the arm path member and
an inner edge of the body path member adjacent the respective leading ends of the arm path
member and the body path member define a first acute angle therebetween having a vertex.

16.(Original) The golf swing aid of claim 15, wherein the inner edge of the arm path member
and the inner edge of the body path member adjacent the respective trailing ends of the arm path
member and the body path member define a second acute angle therebetween having a vertex.

17.(Original) The golf swing aid of claim 16, and further comprising a club path indicator
extending through a junction of the arm path member and the body path member with a leading
end of the club path indicator disposed adjacent to the vertex of the first acute angle and a
trailing end of the club path indicator disposed adjacent the vertex of the second acute angle.

18.(Currently Amended) A golf swing aid comprising:

an arm path member having a generally straight shape and ~~include~~ including a trailing
end, a leading end, and an outer edge that is generally straight;
a body path member having a generally arcuate shape and include a trailing end, a
leading end, and an outer edge that is generally arcuate shape;
wherein the arm path member and body path member together define a monolithic unit
and have a common central portion with the leading ends of the arm path member
and the body path member diverging from each other and the trailing ends of the
arm path member and the body path member diverging from each other.

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19.(Currently Amended) The golf swing aid of claim 18, comprising:

- a substantially straight, arm path indicator imposed on the arm path member and being generally parallel to the outer edge of the arm path member;
- a ~~generally arcuate shape~~, body path indicator imposed on the body path member and ~~being generally curvilinearly aligned with the curvature of the outer edge of the body path member~~; and
- a club path indicator disposed on the common central portion of, and extending between, the arm path member and the body path member.

20.(Original) The golf swing aid of claim 19, wherein the common central portion of the arm path member and the body path member further includes a centrally located elongate hole adapted for receiving a golf tee with the elongate hole extending generally parallel to the arm path indicator.

21.(Previously Presented) The golf swing aid of claim 19, and further comprising:

- a directional arrowhead disposed on each of the leading and trailing ends of the arm path member, with the directional arrowheads pointing in opposite directions.

22.(Previously Presented) The golf swing aid of claim 21, and further comprising:

- a target-line indicator disposed on the arm path member adjacent the leading end; and
- a back swing indicator disposed on the arm path member adjacent the trailing end of the arm path member, with the back swing indicator including a directional arrowhead located adjacent to and pointing in the same direction as the directional arrowhead of the trailing end of the arm path member.

23.(Previously Presented) The golf swing aid of claim 1, wherein the body path member is rigidly affixed to the arm path member.

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24.(Previously Presented) The golf swing aid of claim 1, wherein the central portion of the arm path member extends forwardly and rearwardly relative to the center, the forward and rearward extensions of the arm path member defining a straight outer edge.

25.(Previously Presented) The golf swing aid of claim 6, wherein the down swing club path guide is spatially fixed relative to the arm path member and the body path member.

26. (New) A golf swing aid for guiding a user through a golf swing when the user addresses a golf ball positioned at a center of the aid such that in relation to a stance of the user upon addressing the golf ball, the aid defines a forward extension and a rearward extension relative to the center, the golf swing aid comprising:

an arm path member having a substantially linear, elongate shape and having a leading end, a central portion, and a trailing end; and

a body path member having a generally arcuate shape with a leading end, a central portion and a trailing end, with the central portion being integrally connected together with the central portion of the arm path member as a monolithic unit;

wherein an outer edge of the arm path member defines a straight edge forward and rearward of the center and an outer edge of the body path member defines a curved edge;

a vertex of a first acute angle defined by an inner edge of the arm path member and an inner edge of the body path member adjacent the respective leading ends of the arm path member and the body path member

a vertex of a second acute angle defined by the inner edge of the arm path member and the inner edge of the body path member adjacent the respective trailing ends of the arm path member and the body path member define a second acute angle therebetween having a vertex; and

a club path indicator extending through a junction of the arm path member and the body path member with a leading end of the club path indicator disposed adjacent to the

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vertex of the first acute angle and a trailing end of the club path indicator disposed adjacent the vertex of the second acute angle.